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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Morning Meeting

1. The group was briefed on the recent CORONA take. Quality was extremely high and a number of targets of great intelligence interest were covered. Everyone was very pleased with the operation. Responsible people should be congratulated.

2. [] reported that some coverage had been obtained on the Chinese missile test range from 144 which indicated no major changes from previous coverage. I quizzed whether this eliminated the need for recoverage at the present time. He was not sure but said that DD/I would look into this on a priority basis.

3. DD/I reported on the Laotian situation, which is becoming extremely serious. Upon my question as to whether this would alter the urgency for Laotian coverage, the answer was in the negative since it was not felt that such coverage would be particularly useful in the present minute-by-minute tactical situation.

4. There have been reports of a buildup of Cuban forces in the neighborhood of Guantanamo, but these are not supported by Brass Knobs. Aircraft from the [] were scheduled to obtain oblique photography of the area. DCI raised the question of delays in the Castro-Donovan exchanges and wondered whether this was not suspicious.

5. I reported on the status of the [] operations and managed to avoid crucifying the poor communicator. Gen. Carter raised the question of Rybat cables and insuring that any political information which might come through in the course of these operations gets through to the DD/P and DD/I and disseminated like any other intelligence. Both Karamessines and Sheldon said they thought this was occurring but they would remind people for the future. OSA should make sure that when any such information does occur in our cable traffic it does get to the proper people in DD/I and DD/P.

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7. The Director discussed the difficulty we were going to have getting permission to use the OX over the Soviet Union and urged that every effort be made to insure development of satellite systems of comparable resolution. I reported on the various actions under way in this connection and also on actions to establish a proper climate to obtain permission to use the OX.

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